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COMMENTS ON PROPOSED NV ROLE IN ENEWETAK STUDIES

From the Division of Operational Safety's standpoint, the NV role at Enewetak is essentially one of providing an interface with the Army or other organizations in the Pacific on matters of logistic support. The followup radiological surveys will be done by BNL with assistance from the University of Washington and they will make the appropriate arrangements for logistic support.

There needs to be a mechanism for pulling together the Pacific activities to assure that the problem areas are being addressed adequately and on a timely basis. I doubt that this can be accomplished at the field level. Instead, I believe a group consisting of MA, BER, OS and probably NV, working staff, who are responsible for following the Enewetak programs, meet periodically as an ad hoc coordinating committee, to define the work that needs to be done, to review and monitor work underway, and identify and fill any gaps. This group would provide a mechanism for communication for the working level technical staff.

On the matter of maintaining relations with the people on the atolls and with other Government agencies, we think there is a need for a more formalized and active working relationship at Headquarters with DOI and DNA. The current Bikini situation is an example where key parts of the AEC recommendations for rehabilitation pertaining to housing construction and a calcium supplement for the people was ignored completely. Had there been better communication and liaison between the agencies involved, this may not have occurred.

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In summary, the activities in the Pacific need better inhouse and interagency coordination. Since programmatic direction for research is maintained at Headquarters, the logical place to proceed with this coordination is here.

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